GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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AREA OF INTERNAL DISQUIET
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have identified regions as `areas of internal disquiet` due to naxalite movements or any other types of terrorist activities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether any specific studies have been conducted either by the Government agencies or NGOs to find the reasons of such disquiet;

(d) if so, the details in the regard, State-wise;

(e) whether any socio-economic and area specific programmes planned in order to address the local problems and remove the `internal disquiet`; and

(f) if so, the details in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH.VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) and (b): The major concerns of the internal security scenario in the country center around Pak-sponsored terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir, inter-linked and externally supported subversive activities of militant groups in the North-East and the violence perpetrated by the Left Wing Extremist Groups in some States like Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Maharashtra and Orissa.

(c) to (f): Government is aware of the efforts being made across the border to sponsor terrorism in the country by weaning away the misguided youth and exploiting various socio-economic factors and religious sentiments. Central Government in conjunction with the State Governments is taking steps in the affected areas, to accelerate economic development and redress the genuine grievances of the people.

Border Area Development Programme has also been implemented for balanced development of remote and inaccessible border areas and for involving the people in developmental activities.

In order to ensure a balanced approach to the problem of left wing extremism, States were advised to prepare Integrated Action Plans, encompassing development as well as security aspects in the affected areas. The Plans received from Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Orissa were sent to Planning Commission, which raised certain issues regarding institutional measures to make the administration responsible and strengthening delivery mechanism through greater involvement of the people. The Commission has also suggested preparation of a detailed strategy in this regard, certain aspects of which can be supported. The State Governments concerned have been advised accordingly.